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REMARKS

This amendment addresses the Office Communication mailed December 2, 2004 regarding filing an Amendment on September 16, 2004 which did not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because claim 23 had been labeled as "original" when it was amended. The Applicant has now identified claim 23 as "currently amended." According to MPEP 714.03, "Applicant's reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment should consist of a corrected version of only that portion of the amendment which previously failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121. It is not necessary for applicant to resubmit the entire amendment document." Therefore, the present reply reproduces only the Claims pages of the previous Amendment filed September 16, 2004, with the addition of the required corrected status identifier of Claim 23.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has addressed all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of the pending claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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